



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of

Robert A. SLIMAK et al

Serial No.: Not yet assigned (Reissue of U.S. Patent 6,040,057)

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For: ENHANCING THE STRENGTH, MOISTURE RESISTANCE, AND FIRE-RESISTANCE OF WOOD, TIMBER, LUMBER, SIMILAR PLANT-DERIVED CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS, AND OTHER CELLULOSIC MATERIALS

**REISSUE DECLARATION**

I, as a below-named inventor, hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent my name, of United States Letters Patent 6,040,057, issued March 21, 2000 and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification filed herewith, including the claims, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this Reissue Application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States prior to filing of Application Serial No. 08/843,160 (from which Patent 6,040,057 issued) by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I further declare that I believe said Letters Patent may be, through error and without deceptive intent, partly inoperative or invalid by reason of me not claiming domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

I hereby claim domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/040,709, filed March 14, 1997 and claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as a continuation-in-part (CIP) of Application Serial No. 08/818,195, filed March 14, 1997 (now U.S. Patent 6,303,234), which, in turn, claims domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/013,452, filed March 15, 1996 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/040,709, filed March 14, 1997, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material insofar as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56 which occurred before the filing date of the prior applications and the natural filing date of its application.

I further declare that all errors which are being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby appoint the following as our attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office:

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I, as undersigned inventor, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or of any reissue patent to issue thereon.

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned, Karen M. Slimak, the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent 6,040,057 (recorded at Reel 010262, Frame 0882), hereby assents to the Reissue Application of the above captioned patent. The evidentiary documents of title have been reviewed and the undersigned certifies that, to the best of the Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee seeking to take action. The undersigned hereby avers that she is empowered to sign this Assent of Assignee to Reissue.

Karen M. Slimak

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